
Title: Gargoyles in Caina

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Interesting times we live in, isn't it? Why, just earlier this fine day I ran into a bit of trouble, although it was nothing for a necromancer of my abilities. It started when I realized I was out of brimstone for my experiments in my lab. Annoyed with the fact that I had forgotten to stock up on this, I returned to Caina so that I might fetch some from the Necromantic Scholomance. I whispered the words of recall, and within a blink I was standing on the snowy ground directly in front of Golgotha. To my surprise, I was attacked upon arrival. Not by the silly forces of Light, but by gargoyles. There were at least six or seven that I could see. Quickly I ran towards the direction of that disgusting Hospice and hid myself. There were more of the creatures patrolling the streets of Caina. "How dare they!" I thought to myself, when I realized that the Scholomance could be in danger. Feeling a bit panicked, I ran towards the Scholomance. To my horror two of the disgusting creatures where inside, tossing tomes about like they were mere garbage! I used most of my power in destroying both of the

foul vermin almost immediately. I left the Scholomance with a feeling of total disgust. That feeling quickly changed to fear as soon as I laid my eyes upon the next creature on the streets of Caina. The two horses did not last long against the infernal might of the balron. Quickly, I ran towards Golgotha as I knew that a balron was too much for myself to handle. I quickly scurried to the foot of the tower to find a gargoyle mage fighting against Gray Hunter of H[^]D, Merrick of OES, and a member of the Council of Mages who I would later find out goes by the name of Sal Veya. The creature did not last long, as it was no match for Gray Hunter's strength.

None of the warriors had time to breath, as the balron quickly emerged from behind Golgotha, and I could easily see it was after myself! I ran towards the Temple of Obilvion and hid. There I saw another of the gargoyles snooping around. When I knew I was safe from the balron, I revealed myself and brought swift death to the gargoyle. I regained what mana I could and returned to the steps of Golgotha. It had been some time since I had seen so many corpses littering Caina... Many of the forces of the Shadow Conclave had arrived, and were combating the infernal beast. It would have been a complete slaughter on our part had

it not been for Dissident
who was commanding a
white wyrm to do battle
with the balron. Although
the balron was winning,
the wyrm gave us the
time we needed to
counterattack.

Arrows and magic were
hurled at the elder
daemon as it fought
against the wyrm. The
balron then let loose a
scream of pain, and then
collapsed upon the grounds
of Caina. Oh, how
Obilvion was pleased in
gaining the essence of
this creature! A fool
who followed Minax made
an attempt on some of
the wounded, but was
quickly put in its place.
After the fighting was
settled, I order what
necromancers that were
there to perform a
search of Caina. These
creatures were after
something, and I wanted
to make sure it was
found... And bring it
before the Master.... But
there was no luck in
finding any thing out of
the ordinary. I then
learned that Gray Hunter
had found a gargoyle
tome off of the gargoyle
mage he dispatched
earlier. I quickly found
him and took a look at
it... Sadly though, my
speciality is in death and
the magic that surrounds
it for I could not
understand anything the
book contained. However,
I have made sure that
the book has been given
to the powers that
govern Caina....

It shall not be long
before we learn why
these creatures attacked
the dark city... Then they

shall know what terror
they have brought upon
themselves!

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